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SUBJ: LECTURER'S COMMENT ON U.S. ROLE IN
CHILEAN COUP

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1. AT PUBLIC LECTURE SEPTEMBER 28 (REFTEL),
NOVOSTI POLITICAL OBSERVER K.M. SMIRNOV WAS ASKED
WHY SOVIET PRESS HAD BEEN SO SILENT ON U.S. ROLE
IN CHILEAN COUP. HE REPLIED THAT PRESS WAS SILENT
ON ROLE OF NIXON, WHITE HOUSE, AND USG, BUT NOT RPT
NOT ON ROLE OF MONOPOLIES, ITT, MINING COMPANIES, ETVLM
SMIRNOV SAID SOVIETS LACK SPECIFIC, CONCRETE FACTS
RE USG INVOLVEMENT AND, BESIDES, THIS IS DELICATE
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MATTER, "AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND." ASKED WHAT AMERICANS

WERE IN CHILE AT TIME OF COUP, LECTURER RESPONDED
FACTUALLY THAT SOME WERE THERE ASSISTING CHILEANS ON
NAVAL, FISHERIES, AND OTHER PROJECTS. IN COURSE OF
LECTURE SMIRNOV HAD REFERRED TO "LESSON" OF EVENTS
IN CHILE, BUT WHEN PRESSKJ IN QUESTIONS AFTERWARD TO
TELL WHAT PRECISELY LESSON WAS, HE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT
CHILE WAS SERIOUS METTER TO WHICH ONE HAD TO GIVE
THOUGHT, AND THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO GO INTO
FURTHER DETAIL.

2. COMMENT: SMIRNOV'S COMMENTS ON CHILE REFELCTED
SERIOUS SOVIET CONCERN WITH EVENTS, APPARENT DESIRE
NOT TO BLAME THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND GINGERLY
AVOIDANCE OF SPECIFICS IN MATTER WHICH IS HIGHLY
EMBARRASSING TO THOSE SOVIETS WHO TOUT THE ADVANTAGES
OF OTHER COUNTURES' FOLLOWING PEACEFUL AND DEMONCRATIC
PATH TO SOCIALISM. BULK OF AUDIENCE QUESTIONS CON-
CERNED CHILE AND SEEMED TO BE BASED ON ATTITUDE
"HOW COULD WE HAVE LET THIS HAPPEN?"
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